

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1717–S1756*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3904–3911, and S.J. Res. 43. **Page S1749**

**Measures Passed:**

***Advanced Air Mobility Coordination and Leadership Act:*** Senate passed S. 516, to plan for and coordinate efforts to integrate advanced air mobility aircraft into the national airspace system, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1752–53**

***Safe Cribs Act:*** Senate passed S. 1259, to provide that crib bumpers shall be considered banned hazardous products under section 8 of the Consumer Product Safety Act. **Page S1753**

***Supporting Families of the Fallen Act:*** Senate passed S. 2794, to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase automatic maximum coverage under the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program and the Veterans' Group Life Insurance program. **Pages S1753–54**

***Veterans Affairs' Mammography Services:*** Senate passed S. 2533, to improve mammography services furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1754–56**

**Measures Considered:**

***America Competes Act—Cloture:*** Senate began consideration of H.R. 4521, to provide for a coordinated Federal research initiative to ensure continued United States leadership in engineering biology, after agreeing to the motion to proceed (By 66 yeas to 31 nays, (Vote No. 100)), and taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S1717–32**

Pending:

Schumer Amendment No. 5002, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1720**

Schumer Amendment No. 5003 (to Amendment No. 5002), to change the enactment date. **Page S1720**

Schumer Amendment No. 5004 (to Amendment No. 5003), to change the enactment date.

Schumer Amendment No. 5005 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 5002), to change the enactment date. **Page S1720**

Schumer Amendment No. 5006 (to Amendment No. 5005), to change the enactment date. **Page S1720**

Schumer motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with instructions to report back forthwith, Schumer Amendment No. 5007, to change the enactment date. **Page S1720**

Schumer Amendment No. 5008 (to the instructions of the motion to commit (Amendment No. 5007)), to change the enactment date. **Page S1720**

Schumer Amendment No. 5009 (to Amendment No. 5009), to change the enactment date. **Page S1720**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Schumer Amendment No. 5002 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, March 25, 2022. **Page S1747**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of Schumer Amendment No. 5002. **Page S1747**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, March 24, 2022. **Page S1756**

**Luger Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 24, 2022, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Andrew M. Luger, of Minnesota, to be United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota, as provided under the order of Wednesday, March 16, 2022. **Page S1756**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 51 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 101), Julie Rebecca Rubin, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland. **Page S1732**

By 52 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 102), Hector Gonzalez, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

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By 49 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 103), John H. Chun, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington.

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By 50 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 104), Cristina D. Silva, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada.

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By 49 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 105), Anne Rachel Traum, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada.

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By 49 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 106), Alison J. Nathan, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

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Alvin Harlyn Warren, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2023.

Fiona Whelan Prine, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2024.

Beverly Gage, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2024.

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—106)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:51 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 24, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1756.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Christy Goldsmith Romero, of Virginia, Kristin N. Johnson, of Michigan, Summer Kristine Mersinger,

of South Dakota, and Caroline D. Pham, of New York, each to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

### WESTERN HEMISPHERE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded a hearing to examine strategic competition and security cooperation in the Western Hemisphere, after receiving testimony from Melissa G. Dalton, Assistant Secretary for Homeland Defense and Hemispheric Affairs, James Saenz, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Counternarcotics, and Stabilization Policy, and Brigadier General Frank L. Bradfield III, Deputy Director for Politico-Military Affairs (Western Hemisphere) Joint Staff J–5, all of the Department of Defense.

### INNOVATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine developing next generation technology for innovation, after receiving testimony from Pat Gelsinger, Intel Corporation, Santa Clara, California; Sanjay Mehrotra, Micron, Boise, Idaho; Tim Archer, Lam Research Corporation, Fremont, California; and Preston Feight, PACCAR Inc, Bellevue, Washington.

### ENERGY SECURITY

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine promoting American energy security by facilitating investments and innovation in climate solutions, after receiving testimony from former Representative Jim Matheson, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Arlington, Virginia; Ray Mabus, former Secretary of the Navy, Department of Defense, Harpers Ferry, West Virginia; Katherine Stainken, Electrification Coalition, Washington, D.C.; and Kathleen Sgamma, Western Energy Alliance, Denver, Colorado.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 3666, to require reports on the adoption of a cryptocurrency as legal tender in El Salvador, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 816, to amend the Diplomatic Security Act of 1986 to provide for improved serious security incident investigations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3491, to establish a commission to reform and modernize the Department of State, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3492, to address the importance of foreign affairs training in national security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;